

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR
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WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB?

The RR Program has updated our list of "county contacts" on the web. This list shows the staff contacts (telephone and email) for RR projects in each county, as well as the spill coordinators for each of our five regions. This update reflects our new division of responsibilities between petroleum tank sites and other sites.
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/technical/lists/county_contacts.pdf

MAY BROWNFIELDS WORKSHOP MATERIALS ON THE WEB

In May, Wisconsin state agencies held brownfield workshops entitled "Wisconsin Brownfields - Future Solutions Now". The one-day public conferences were held in four locations for those interested in brownfield cleanup and redevelopment, including local government officials, lenders, developers and consultants. The workshops focused on existing brownfield programs, highlighted new provisions from the 1999-2001 state budget, and provided panel discussions on successful brownfield projects. The workshops were held in Milwaukee (May 10), Appleton (May 11), Eau Claire (May 18), and Madison (May 24). Photos and presentation materials from the conference are now available on the RR Program's web site at
www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/index.htm.

WE'RE UPDATING OUR LIST OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE PUBLIC

The RR Program maintains two lists of consultants. One of these, Publication RR-024, is a simple "name, address & phone number" listing of environmental consultants who have identified themselves as doing work in Wisconsin. It's organized alphabetically by city (i.e. Appleton to Wisconsin Rapids), plus out of state consultants. We maintain this list to help responsible persons locate consultants to conduct investigations and cleanups. Updates are based entirely on information received from consultants. Consultants can check their current listing (January, 2000) on the web at
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf>.
Please contact Anna Roherty at rohera@dnr.state.wi.us to add or amend an entry on this list, or call her at 608-267-0860.

Our second list of consultants is based on Publication RR-026, a questionnaire that consultants must complete to become eligible for consideration to conduct a state or federally funded project. This more detailed listing will be updated on a separate schedule. We'll provide more information on the process for updating the list of consultants for state or federally funded projects in our next listserv.

GIS SYSTEM PROCEDURES

On June 28, 2000, the Natural Resources Board approved for public hearing revisions to administrative rules NR 716 (site investigation), 726 (case closure), 749 (fees), 811 (community water systems) and 812 (well construction). Under current rules, responsible persons (RPs) must record a groundwater use restriction with the deed when a remediation site is closed with groundwater contamination above NR 140 enforcement standards (ES). Under the proposed revisions, RPs at sites with groundwater contamination above the ES would be required to

submit, as part of the closure package, specific location and contaminant information with a separate fee. DNR would scan this information and link it to a geographic information system (GIS) database on the internet. Lenders, realtors, purchasers, developers and the public could search the GIS by location to identify closed sites with contamination above the ES. Well drillers would be required to check this database prior to constructing or reconstructing a well to determine any special well construction features. (Paper copies will be available on request.) Groundwater use restrictions would no longer have to be recorded with the deed. The RR Program wants to eventually use the GIS system to map all RR sites closed with soil or groundwater restrictions. The schedule for public hearings on the proposed rule revisions will be announced after the dates are selected. The GIS system that would be used to implement the proposed rule has already been constructed. RPs requesting case closure with ES exceedences can provide DNR with information to populate the system at this time on a voluntary basis. RPs should include groundwater use restriction language if they want DNR to close the case at this time, or indicate if they want the case to remain open until finalization of the rule allows closure without a deed restriction. (Fees would be paid after the rule is adopted.) To populate the system as well as to facilitate processing of case closure requests, RPs should furnish the following information with case summaries and closure requests:

- a. A location map which outlines all properties within the contaminated site boundaries, to scale and not larger than 8.5 by 14 inches.
- b. A map of all contaminated properties showing buildings, roads, property boundaries, contaminant sources, utility lines, monitoring wells and potable wells, to scale and not larger than 8.5 by 14 inches.
- c. A table of the most recent analytical results from all monitoring wells and potable wells for which samples have been collected, with sample collection dates.
- d. If available, an isoconcentration map of the contaminated properties showing the extent of groundwater contamination exceeding ch. NR 140 preventive action limits, with groundwater flow direction indicated using the most recent data, sample collection dates, to scale and not larger than 8.5 by 14 inches.
- e. If available, a geologic cross-section showing the vertical extent of contamination in soil and groundwater, the location and extent of the source of the contamination, isoconcentrations for all groundwater contamination exceeding ch. NR 140 preventive action limits, water table and piezometric elevations, location and elevation of geologic units, bedrock and confining units, if any, to scale and not larger than 8.5 by 14 inches.
- f. A statement signed by the responsible party that certifies that the legal descriptions are complete and accurate for all of the properties. Also, a copy of a letter to all property owners within the contaminated site boundaries with groundwater contamination that exceeds ch. NR 140 enforcement standards, which notifies them that the property will be listed on the department's geographic information system registry of closed remediation sites as a property with residual contamination, and which asks them to contact the responsible person if they believe that the legal description is incorrect.

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